Government on this account so far alongwith the details of persons responsible for it; and

(c) by when the supply of coal is proposed to be made to the private entrepreneurs under the said system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Public Sector coal mines in Andhra Pradesh

316. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 69 coal mines are functioning in Andhra Pradesh with public sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of these mines are having obsolete technology resulting in high operational cost;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government propose to take for the modernization of the coal mines in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Singareni

Colliery Company Limited (SCCL), a public sector undertaking in Andhra Pradesh has 66 operating coal mines, details of which are given below:-

District	Underground	Opencast	Total
Khammam	7	6	13
Adilabad	27	1	28
Karimnagar	15	4	19
Warangal	6		6
TOTAL	55	11	66

(c) No, Sir. SCCL is in the forefront to introduce modern technology in Underground and Opencast mines.

(d) Does not arise in view of the answer given to part (c) above.

(e) With the existing geo-mining conditions, SCCL is producing coal with conventional board and pillar method of mining and also has introduced modern technologies like use of Load Haul Dumpers, Longwall mining and Blasting Gallery method in Underground mines. In Opencast mines different technologies like Shovel Dumper combination, Draglines and Inpit-Crushing Conveying technologies have been introduced and are in operation.

Survival/Revival Plan of ECL

317. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Eastern Coalfield Limited (ECL) has submitted a survival/revival plan of ECL to Chairman, Coal India Ltd. on 21st July, 2000;

(b) if so, the broad outline of the same, specially in regard to the action proposed to be taken by Coal India Ltd. and Government of India; and